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1. The 16 Frontier Troop Otryad, [redacted] which was formed in Satovcha (N 41-37, E 23-59), Gotse Delchev Okoliya in March 1953, was transferred to Gotse Delchev in October 1954. Komandaturas subordinate to the 16 Otryad are located at Koprivlen (N 41-31, E 23-48), Slasht (N 41-30, E 24-01) and Dospat (N 41-39, E 24-10).
2. It is rumored that the 17 Otryad will be formed in Devin in the next few months to replace the 4 Otryad which has been moved to Smolyan.
3. During January 1955, the Burgas Otryad was disbanded and replaced by the Port Control Office (Kontrolno Propuskatelen Punkt) directly attached to the UGV (Upravlenie Granichni Voyski; Frontier Troop Administration). The unit is composed of 100-150 soldiers in Frontier Troop uniforms; however, they wear boots and breeches.
4. Since the beginning of 1955, Soviet advisers have been attached to frontier otryads. Soviet Colonel Samolyut (or Samolyuk) is the adviser to the 16 and 4 Otryads. Until December 1954, Soviet Colonel Sevast'yanovich was adviser to UGV.
5. During early 1955, a new Ministry of Interior order forbade the following:
  - a. The movement of Frontier Troop soldiers alone on or off duty in the zastava area; and
  - b. The departure of Frontier Troop officers and soldiers from the zastava or komandatura area without permission.
6. Zastavas are divided into three size categories according to the importance of their location. The first is composed of 70-100 soldiers; the second, 50-70 soldiers; and the third, 30-50 soldiers. Some komandaturas are directly attached to the UGV and not to otryads.

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7. Frontier Sea Defense (Granichno Morskā Okhrana) units which patrol the Black Sea coast were formed prior to 1950, and directly attached to the UGV. The soldiers wear Navy uniforms and serve four years.
8. In the spring of 1954, the UGV moved to the Duvnitsa area.
9. The officer personnel cut effective February 1955 included 30 per cent for Ministry of Interior units, including the Frontier Troops, and 40 per cent for other military.
10. The first half of the 1932 recruit class was discharged in February 1955 after 31 months of service. Accordingly, the second half of the 1932 class expected their discharge in mid-May but had not yet been notified at the end of May when informant escaped.

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